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NEWS AND VIEWS

by Father Daniel E. Jones

IT'S BEEN A BUSY WINTER!

One good thing about winter, you appreciate spring and summer all the more when they come! Our traditional Catholic community in Westcliffe would probably agree that the last few months have not been dull. We have now built up to about a half a dozen families--all struggling along and coping with many problems, but, thank God, we all seem to get along with a big willingness to help one another (though financially most of us are as poor or poorer than church mice)--and, I think, all in all, we are a pretty happy and content bunch. In mid January 1983 we started a new Catholic school in town. (Yes, I know this is the December 1982 issue. I promised my secretary we will strive to get the June issue out in time and maybe the March issue out by Easter.) As soon as this issue is laid in my printer's lap, I intend to sit down and pen a few hasty notes to the dozens of dear folks who have written me since Thanksgiving and are perhaps wondering if their letters got lost in the Christmas rush. Well, they did, but it wasn't by the Post Office.

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AVE MARIA

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
MEXICO 1531

"I am your Merciful Mother. The Merciful Mother of all of you who live united in this land, and of all mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who seek me, of those who have confidence in me."

--- Our Lady to Juan Diego.

MIRACULOUS IMAGE

This picture is from a photograph taken at the Shrine in Mexico City of the miraculous painting known as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas. (No reproduction, nor any artist, has captured the tender smile, the graciousness, the radiance of the original.)

According to historical documents, in December 1531 a poor Indian named Juan Diego came to the first Bishop of Mexico with a message from the Virgin Mary who had appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill. She desired that a shrine be built for her, and she promised to show compassion to all who, loving and trusting her, sought her help.

The Bishop wanted proof. He told Juan to obtain a sign from the Lady. Two days later Juan returned with miraculous roses in his mantle. As he released the folds, the roses tumbled to the floor and revealed the miraculous portrait painted on the mantle.

The handwoven fabric of the mantle, made from cactus fibre, has an ordinary life span of twenty years. For four centuries, the exquisitely delicate figure of the Virgin has remained fresh and lovely.

Your Scapular

IT IS AN ASSURANCE
OF SALVATION

THE NEW HEALTHVIEW NEWSLETTER

Hardly a week goes by that someone doesn't relate to me a sad health problem either they or a member of their family are experiencing. Good health is a blessing, frequently taken for granted by those who possess it, and sometimes so elusive for those who wish they had it. I'm convinced a lot more people would enjoy better health if they would just determine to aquire a little more knowledge, and exercise a bit more self-discipline and prudence. I've come to be very sceptical about most doctors and hospitals, just like I mistrust most Novus Ordo priests. Why do they repeatedly try to treat symptoms instead of the causes of sickness? Of how many could it be observed that "their ignorance is exceeded only by their greed."? But people flock to them, and often pay through the nose for "service" they might have been much better off not having at all.

A word to the wise.... Check out some of the tried and true remedies and health information the "orthodox" medical establishment can't or won't give you. The publication that I've found to be one of the best in the health field is THE NEW HEALTHVIEW NEWSLETTER. I'm convinced that my dad would not have made such a remarkable recovery from the cancer that was killing him, had I not been aquainted with this publication which introduced me to Dr. Paul Eck's hair analysis and scientific nutrition program in Phoenix, AZ. Dr. Eck along with Dr. David Watts and nutritionist Deborah R. Foreman and their staff at Analytical Research Labs, 2338 West Royal Palm Road, Suite F, Phoenix, AZ 85021 are, in my opinion, a beautiful jewel in the crown of the natural health field in America. Write to them for some fascinating information. And if you want to become familiar with the latest and probably some of the solidest health advice in America today, you'll probably want to subscribe to The New Healthview Newsletter, Box 6670, Charlottesville, Virginia 22906 (6 issues - $18.00). Its editors, Sam and Loren Biser, enthusiastically maintain: "There is more practical information in a single issue of Healthview than in dozens of health books."

SANGRE DE CRISTO CHRISTIAN CLUB

Westcliffe's Baptist minister Craig Lewis and I have spent some time setting up a Christian Club. We even have a comfortable little building on Main Street for our club house and private offices and studies. In February we have plans to fly to Florida for a week of work in the Christian apostolate with the hopes for a day or two of a little vacationing. Take a look at our full page ad on page 14 of this issue. No wonder William Strojie calls this the Hunt, Fish and Traditional Catholic magazine. How did a Catholic priest and a Baptist minister become such good friends? Don't ask me, ask God! When Craig finishes reading the book ONE SHEPHERD, ONE FLOCK (see page 4 of this issue) maybe I can get him to write his impressions of the book for an article in the Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes.

End

Each summer and fall several cords of firewood must be gathered, cut, and stockpiled for the winter.

Zion National Park in southwestern Utah. I drove through there the first time in February 1981.

In Zion National Park the Creator left us a fantastic panorama of mountains and canyons.

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Last June, while in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I blessed the beautiful, new home of Gene and Vera Wohrlin. Vera took this picture of Gene, myself (you must know by now that whenever the first person is used in these captions, the reference is to your unscrupulous editor) and their three darling children: Mark, Jeff and Chris. This winter the Wohrlin's extended their warm hospitality for 2 nights to my sister, Jean Davis, her five young children and myself, as we stopped over for supper, bed and breakfast on a two day drive to Phoenix, Arizona - and then back to Westcliffe a week later. We were visiting Grandma and Grandpa Jones who are spending their first winter in a new home in Sun City, a retirement city a few miles northwest of Phoenix.

BROWN SCAPULARS*

One of our Blessed Mother's requests when she appeared at Fatima in 1917 was that Catholics wear the Scapular, two tiny pieces of cloth worn over the shoulders. Mr. Phil Meade, a Catholic layman, has been promoting the wearing of the Scapular, and has been distributing them at his own expense.

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HERMIT ROAD runs from the south side of Westcliffe west up into the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

If you meet the world with a smile,
the world will always smile back.

Remember the good old days when they gave you drinking glasses, auto polish and stuff to get you to buy their gasoline?

Wife reading completed income tax form: "What's the idea of charging my beauty treatments off as a loss"?

A young theologian named Fiddle
Refused to accept his degree.
He said, "It's bad enough being Fiddle
Without being Fiddle, D.D."
"Laughter, the Best Medicine"
"Reader's Digest" Apr. 77

ONE SHEPHERD, ONE FLOCK

By the Providence of God and through the kindness of Tom and Gaye Lynn Gallegos, I enjoyed a most pleasant visit and dinner at Tom and Gaye Lynn's beautiful new home in Castle Rock, Colo. on December 9, 1982. Tom showed me his library and loaned to me a book he enthusiastically praised as a real gem. I took that book home and began using it as my daily spiritual reading book (along with a chapter a day from the Holy Bible). Tom was right, it is a gem! Even though, as I write this, I am only half way through it, I know that chapters of this book deserve to be reprinted in the Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes (SDCN). For whatever purpose, God has put it in me to have an affection for and friendship with many non-Catholics. It has surprised a number of people, including myself, that such a close friendship has developed between Westcliffe's young dynamic Baptist minister, Craig Lewis, and myself. Almost imperceptibly we found ourselves founding the Sangre de Cristo Christian Club in an old store building at 110 Main Street in Westcliffe. There is a Bible study conducted there in a comfortable environment every Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M. and a Christian men's game night every Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. (It started out as a regular Friday night RISK game last year at the Chesley Village Motel.) I am using a back room of the building for my SDCN layout office. Craig has moved his study from his home to the other back room. We recently installed a propane stove in my office and put in a popular new airtight stove in main section of the Club. We have been able to get a good price on these stoves from the manufacturer and have been giving them away for donations of $375 or more to the Sangre de Cristo Christian Club.

But, back to the book Tom loaned me. The title of it is ONE SHEPHERD, ONE FLOCK. It is basically the diary of a Congregational minister who was eventually received into the Catholic Church. In the 1950's the Great Apostasy had not yet surfaced in Rome, and it was apparent where to find the Catholic Church. Today, with the vast majority of Roman Catholics being caught up in the new apostate Conciliar religion, it is not always so easy to discern where the Catholic Church still subsists, but it is still here and people can still find it and be received into it.

WEEDS AMONG THE WHEAT

How many Protestants never seriously consider the claims of the Catholic Church through a feeling that she has lost the mark of holiness? There is a very real emotional difficulty here for those whose lives have been touched by the hypocrisy of bad Catholics. The Protestant imagination takes offence, and the Protestant mind refuses to work objectively.

Our Lord took His chances with the rest of humanity when He became a man. He risked the suffering of all our mortal frailties. He grew thirsty and hungry. He wept and was crowned with thorns.

He took His chances, too, when He founded a Church whose avowed purpose was to call and save the lost. He clearly foresaw what the result would be. Within that kingdom there would be both good and bad fish, wise and foolish virgins, tares and wheat-until the Last Day of separating judgment. Meanwhile, He said, "Let both grow together until the harvest...lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them" (Matt.13:29-30).

The Church, then, is not an earthly heaven for the elect, nor a country club for the respectable and wealthy. It is a hospital for sick souls, in which sinners can become saints. As He said to the scribes and Pharisees who condemned Him for associating with the dregs of society: "They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the rightous, but sinners to repentance" (Mark 2:17).

Yes, Our Lord took His chances-even at the highest level. He knew there would be false shepherds, as well as false sheep. And yet among the first disciples only one of the twelve ultimately proved himself unworthy. Subsequent church history, I believe, shows an even higher percentage of loyalty than did that original nucleus of the chosen. On the average the standard of virtue maintained by popes, bishops and priests has been remarkably good. Even so, there is no connection between high morality in the priest and the validity of the sacraments he distributes. If only holy men could convey God's gifts, the recipient would never know when he had actually received them. For every man's heart is hidden, and holiness, of all things, is most difficult to ascertain.

The chief aim of the Church is to produce this holiness. All Catholics are called to become saints. In the doctrines, commandments, counsels and sacraments of their Church, they are provided with the necessary means of attaining that sanctity. Those who neglect or flout these means of grace are usually the very ones who cause the scandals of immorality which so offend non-believers. The critic of Catholicism should ask himself: is it fair to condemn any group for those of its members who do not live up to the common code?

Catholics who give themselves to drink, lust, gossip, dishonesty and corruption in politics - instead of to God -are a curse on their Church. And yet Our Lord in His amazing mercy allows them to remain in the fold, no matter how often they fall, if they are genuinely penitent and sincerely desire to mend their ways. Scandals and offenses though they be, they are not to be judged by their brothers, to whom the Saviour of all has said: "Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matt 7:1).

Personally, they would never frighten me away from the truth, if truth is what the Roman Church offers. My chief difficulty as to unholiness I find existing, not in others, but in myself. That problem is one I can do more than talk about. That problem is one I can fight to conquer, if I will. And it's quite big enough to keep me busy for a long, long time to come.

APOSTOLIC TRADITION

Truncated Protestants, who throw the Bible and early Church practice overboard when these disagree with their preconceived notions, nevertheless are seen to be nodding their heads affirmatively whenever the proposition is set forward that "the Bible is our only rule of faith and practice," or as the Articles of Religion in the *Book of Common Prayer* express it:

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Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation' so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation.

Now Holy Scripture itself contradicts this position. St. Paul writes to a congregation that it must also hold to the teachings which he did not write down: "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle" (Thes. 2:15). He tells Timothy to "hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast *heard* of me...and the things that thou hast *heard* of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to *teach others also*" (2 Tim. 1:13;2:2).

Much Apostolic teaching not recorded explicitly in the New Testament joined the *written* tradition at a later date through the creeds and pronouncements of the early Councils and in the writings of the first five centuries of Church Fathers and Doctors. Had the Christian truths never been set in writing, however, we should still have them by word of mouth, as did the first Christians. Oral tradition only *seems* to disappear under the influence of the written word.

Many of these Roman traditions Protestants today blithely accept without a qualm of conscience, such as Catholic liturgy and creeds, the reliability and inspired character of Scripture, the observance of Sunday, Advent, Lent, and the feasts of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Inconsistently, however, they discard other essential portions of Biblical revelation and early Church practice, such as personal confession to a priest, the real and actual presence of God in the eucharist, the primacy of Peter and his successors.

This presumption of picking and choosing among the gems of the faith - is it not the hallmark of heresy?

ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX

People whose jobs involve too much thinking should scrub floors in their spare time. Dish-washing, diaper-changing, gardening, painting and the like are all valuable antidotes for busy-brains.

Indeed, balanced thinking demands balanced living. It cost Our Lord a good many years of quiet carpentry to come up with His priceless parables. And there is not evidence on record that He was ever a bookworm. I fancy that one of the chief things He loved about St. Theresa of Lisieux was that she fed daily upon the gospels and felt no call to the drudgery of groping through scholarly tomes. In her *Autobiography* she wrote: Leaving to great and lofty minds the beautiful books which I cannot understand, still less put into practice, I rejoice in my littleness because...I see it is enough to acknowledge one's nothingness and surrender oneself like a child into God's arms...I close the learned treatise which tires my brain and dries up my heart and I turn to the Sacred Scriptures.

How often I have longed to do just that while studying the claims of the Catholic Church! Especially when I have found myself delving beyond my depth. Not that I would underrate the uses of intellect or the age-moving achievements of mental giants like St. Thomas Aquinas. We thank God for the many great thinkers and writers He has sent. But fortunately He does not cut us all from the same pattern and cloth. He gives us our separate, individual callings within the unity of His Church, insisting, however, that whatever our calling, we fulfill it - like St. Theresa - with the humility of a little child. ***End***

Letter to the Editor

November 25, 1982

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Dear Father Dan:

I realize by your letters that you have a great amount of work. Here, the economic situation is very bad, our country cannot pay the external debt. The money from petroleoum was not handled honestly, and now the International Monetary Fund asks for price increases, more internal taxes, to renegotiate the external debt which is the highest in the world.

1983 will be a very dangerous year. May Our Holy Mother of Guadalupe have mercy on Mexico.

Received Number 34 of the Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes, it is a great effort also. Thank you for publishing my letters to Bishop Musey and Father Connelly, in which, incidentally, there is an error of transcription in the publication: SDCN reads, " As a Catholic layman it is my duty to transcribe the doctrine of illegitimate Popes, Dogmatic Councils..." . My letter reads: "As a Catholic layman it is my duty to transcribe the doctrine of legitimate Popes, Dogmatic Councils...".

We are praying the rosary at nights at home. Many Mexican families are doing that these days.

I will not take more of your time, you are doing a great work, having the Catholic bishops and priests known in the USA.

Yours in Christ the King and Mary, Mother of God,

Anacleto

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Kris Hunt holds tiny 5-day old Rosemarie Josepha Davis as her mother, Diane Hunt (Father Jones' secretary) and the baby's mother, Jean Davis (Father Jones' sister) look on.

SOME REMARKS CONCERNING THE CONSECRATIONS BY ABP. NGO-DINH-THUC AND MGR. CARMONA

by

Eberhard Heller

(translated by Gladys Resch)

Several inquiries and objections concerning the consecrations administered last year by H.E. Abp. Pierre Martin Ngo-dinh-Thuc and lately by H.E. Bp. Moises Carmona have prompted me to make some basic remarks concerning this and its early history. I have to go back into the past.

To be able to understand and value rightly what has happened last year in Toulon, this year in Mexico and the United States, and what moves the minds of many, it is important to draw up the picture of the ecclesiastical and religious situation as it presented itself then, i.e., at the end of the 60's, beginning of the 70's:

1. a heretical (or apostate) 'Pope' at the Cathedra Petri;
2. the majority of the clerics also in apostacy or heresy;
3. a new, compulsory, invalid rite of the Mass;
4. invalid, or at least doubtful rites for the sacraments;
5. invalid, respectively doubtful rites of ordinations;
6. continual destruction of the dogmatically established doctrine of faith;
7. continual destruction or undermining of the Catholic moral principles.

If, with the help of God, nothing would happen to her salvation, the revolution from above threatened to wipe out the Church of Christ:

a) without true faith there would be no mediation for salvation;

b) without sacraments no direct life, no actual way to God;

c) without Holy Sacrifice of the Mass no redemption and reconciliation, no direct real loving Union with God;

d) without hierarchy the Church would not anymore be an institution of the sacramental mediation for salvation;

e) without valid sacraments or consecrations the apostolic succession would come to an end.

What would, under these conditions, be left over from the Church founded and intrusted by Christ, would be a 'Church' which would neither be one, holy, catholic nor apostolic. The result of it would be a most wicked sect.

As it was quite clear that this revolution came from above, that means from Paul VI, that therefore he expressly wanted the heretic changes in dogma and in the rites, the question arose at the same time whether he was a legitimate Pope. Two of the first people, who drew attention to this problem and who dealt with it objectively, were Rev. Father Dr. Joaquin Saenz y Arriaga / Mexico, and Mr Hugo Maria Kellner Ph.D. / U.S.A. In the periodical EINSICHT this question has - alongside with the detailed inquiry of the so-called N.O.M. by Mr. Franz Bader - been treated repeatedly by different authors since the first publication in April 1971 (!).

While doing so the further thoughts were:

1.) How can the Church be saved as an institution?
2.) How can the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass be preserved, as well as the other sacraments?
3.) How can the proclamation of the true doctrine be guaranteed?
4.) How can the apostolic succession be secured?

All these questions mentioned here were not only dealt with theoretically, but with very limited possibilities we started to work effectively on their solution - and of course, we did so secretly.

How should the Church have reacted in such a situation where such a crisis had been called for by the apostasy of her leader? Usually a Pope, who has become apostate, is called as removed from office by a Conventus, as happened frequently in the history of the Church. Because a heretical 'Pope' is like a contradiction in itself. He has ipso facto lost his office, and by this dismissed himself. ("Papa haereticus est depositus", words of St. Robert Bellarmine, the same Suarez.) As the Church is not only an immediate spontaneous religious communion, of which one excludes oneself when one does not live in the same faith, but a visible, juristic organized institution, a 'Papa' haereticus must be proclaimed publicly deposed through the Church. ("Papa haereticus...est deponendus", words of St. Kajetan and also John de St. Thomas.)

The statement by the Church that a Pope had become a heretic was usually put forward by the Conventus (called for by the emperor as Protector Ecclesiae) - as a rule it was the college of remaining orthodox cardinals. It pronounced him, as having himself dismissed and then proceeded to the election of a new Pope. The first duty of this Pope consisted in condemning the new heresies and the heretics.

It is the real mystery of evil in our time, that this chaotic condition, in which we are living spiritually, has not come to an end; that most office-holders have become apostate; that such a Conventus was not formed, which would have had to fall into action. We are living since 1963, when Montini (Paul VI) occupied the Chair of Peter - the same as his followers - in a time without a Pope. The See is vacant. (One can still be of different opinion whether Montini was already a heretic on assuming office, before it or after; this condition will not be affected by a possible change of the date of the vacation of the Papal See.)

In spite of the publication "Liber accusationis" by Abbe de Nantes against Paul VI and recently the "Declaratio" by H.E. Abp. Ngo-dinh-Thuc, which proves this fact by documents, no efforts are made by the orthodox clergy to make an end to this state of affairs. Most of the traditionally disposed clergy and faithful deceive themselves by lying, not

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wanting to face the true dimension of this spiritual-religious catastrophe, in which we all live, and they let it all go on! The main blame of this mess falls on the European, traditional, respectively orthodox clergy, which has - apart from a few exceptions - failed completely!!! This must be kept in mind. Everyone works for his own pocket, thinks of his pension; everywhere selfishness of the worst kind. One is too coward, too lazy, too much of a hypocrite, conceited, without generosity, without confidence in God, weak and vainglorious: no action without hundredfold security. If there is something that arouses in me true bitterness, it is the thought of this tremendously disgraceful, tremendously sad, tremendously undignified, even infamous attitude of the so-called orthodox European clergy. I sometimes lose my self-control, when I must listen to how pious, how courageous such and such a priest is. The betrayal of the 'official Church' meets you again in a more sublime way on a higher level: the betrayal through laziness, through refusal, through doing nothing. And that is how the faithful lose their last bit of confidence.

In view of this nearly total failure of the clergy, especially the younger ones, who - knowing the situation very clearly -have (consiously) possibly wrecked the few good enterprises (because their personal interests were involved); considering this failure, it was up to now not possible with the very few remaining willing helpers to foster this important task, namely to convey a Conventus.

Parallel to these efforts the endeavors went on since the beginning of the 70's to save the apostolic succession, without which the Church would be lost. First of all we approached Abp. Lefebvre with our intention: asking him to consecrate a bishop in view of the urgency of the situation. (N.B. at that time we did not know of the problem concerning his own consecrations.) He reacted in a cynical way. Afterwards he was also asked about it by different people. In spite of his refusal to consecrate a bishop, Abp. Lefebvre tried at a later date several times to use a pretended future consecration of a bishop as means to bring about pressure on 'Rome', to hasten his incorporation into the apostolic club. [N.B. I cannot imagine that a person, who is more or less theologically instructed (knowledge of the big catechism being sufficient), and who is mainly religiously minded, should not be able to perceive that the position of Abp. Lefebvre is untenable, because it is contradictory in itself. The Lefebvreists are either stupid or morally deficient, respectively really malicious. Shame on all those, who have knowingly co-operated with his game or still do!]

It would have been easy to assure the apostolic succession by bishops of the Old Roman Catholic Church, of which quite a number have offered their support. But these have (the validity of their own consecration taken for granted, which is not assured!) by their schismatic state no true authorization of exercise of office. Their sacraments may only be received in extremis, that is, in danger of death.

When all this was discussed at length with H.E. Abp. Pierre Martin Ngo-dinh-Thuc, he agreed straight away, after the first interview, to consecrate bishops, as he also realized the threatening danger for the Church. That is how it came to the consecration of H.E. Mgr. Guerard des Lauriers, to the consecration of bishops H.E. Bp. Carmona and Bp. Zamora. And to assure the succession, H.E. Bp. Carmona, assisted by H.E. Bp. Zamora, consecrated this year the Mexican and American priests, who had proved to be faithful to the resistance.

The first consecrations had to be administered and kept secret for the time being, for the same reason as Pius XII had episcopal consecrations administered in Russia secretly. One had to be careful as Abp. Thuc was constantly watched. For all involved there was (and still is) a danger, and one was aware of it. In spite of it the secrecy was not kept out of fear - nobody was frightened! -, but to be at all able to administer the consecrations. Had it been done publicly, the other side would have done everything to prevent the consecrations from taking place. There were witnesses at the consecrations. And apart from this, they are documented in detail, also with photographs. But after the consecrations had been spitefully betrayed by Father Barbara / France, who wanted hmself to be consecrated a bishop, (and who did the same as Montini with the consecrated bishops in Russia), the following consecrations were administered publicly.

Open or hidden concerns arise against them and the personality of Abp. Ngo-dinh-Thuc:

1. As Abp. Thuc has consecrated the bishops of Palmar, he has disqualified himself as consecrator - so one objection.

Answer: The, at the time consecrating bishop, is bound to examine the candidates according to human knowledge. Abp. Thuc has done this. He consecrated the Palmarians, because he could have rendered an important service to the Church. Afterwards, one always knows better. I have never met anyone, who afterwards would have blamed H.E. Card. Faulhaber for having consecrated Dopfner bishop, one of the great influencing moderators of the 2nd Vatican Council. Human knowledge does not exclude errors, as it was realized in Palmar and with Dopfner. And who has consecrated all the other apostate bishops? Should therefore Pius XII be blamed?

2. Abp. Thuc has been chief of Palmar.

Answer: That he never was. Immediately after the consecrations they separated themselves from him. They still owe him money, which he has advanced them, for trips!

3. The Consecrations were administered without papal authorization, against CIC, can. 953 to 955.

Answer: That is right, if one takes the juristic regulations as purely formal. There has been a French group of traditional character, which attacked Abp. Thuc vehemently after it had become known, because of this unauthorized fact. (In the meantime, after having given it another thought, the reproaches of this group changed into an earnest request for a legitimate Pope!) One must have, in this hopeless situation, some clear view on several fundamental points: a) We have no Pope, who could have given the authority to consecrate. If we had one, he would certainly not have been passed over, that is, one had never interfered in his rights of office. b) The consecrations were not intended to offend the canon law purposely, but to retain the apostolic succession. If a doctor is supposed to help a patient, it is often necessary to disregard the usual modesty. c) The highest law is the salvation of the souls. (Suprema les salus animarum.) Without bishops, no priests (ordination); without priests, no sacraments. The divine law has, according to Abp. Thuc, priority over the plain ecclesiastical law, when this one goes against the first one, or is misusing it. And Abp. Thuc says also that the apostle Paul also consecrated bishops for the Church without the knowledge of St. Peter. And it is on these considerations that H.E. Abp. Pierre Martin Ngo-dinh-Thuc has acted! - If it is in God's plans of salvation, the true apostolic succession for the Roman Catholic Church has thus been saved. (To prevent a new schismatic break, the Mexican bishops demand of their

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THE LOSS OF A FRIEND

BY MRS. DOROTHY PARKER

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the July 28, 1982 issue of the COUNTY NEWSPAPER in neighboring Fremont County. Lucille Falkenberg Piquette was my aunt and next door neighbor. Her husband, Charles, (deceased a few years ago) was my godfather. Since my move to Westcliffe in 1972 Lu and Charles regularly invited me over to their place for supper. After Charles died, Lu continued to have me over for supper whenever I was in town. After doing the dishes together we'd relax, visit and watch TV for an hour or so. Lu really loved the Monday night football games, World Series, etc. I, too, miss dear Lu. May God rest her soul in peace.

On March 16, **1977** , two of my sisters, Mrs. Jean Marie Davis and Mrs. Rebecca Moreland and their children visited your editor in Westcliffe. Here they are photographed in my kitchen with my aunt and uncle, Lucille and Charles Piquette.

The loss of a friend stirs deep untouched emotions in one and brings back memories of growing up together.

I became acquainted with Lucille Falkenberg Piquette the summer before our junior year of high school at Westcliffe. She had been out of school a year due to health problems and returned that fall. I don't recall just how I met her but I was dating her cousin at the time and perhaps that accounts for it.

Lucille came from a large family of sisters and one brother. Their parents, Frank and Anne Falkenberg, always had room at their table for one more person, and I was there enough to feel a member of the family.

Sunday dinners were especially nice occasions. Mrs. Falkenberg was a good cook and homemaker. It is strange that I should remember Jell-O desserts so prominently.

Their roomy home at 210 South Second Street had a large dining room. To accomodate their seven daughters, a niece, Marie Stone Squire, whom the Falkenbergs reared, and their son Bill, the table was set at an angle in the room. The couple never seemed to mind if they had their children's boy friends and girl friends. In fact, they were always welcome. It was a most gracious home.

Mr. Falkenberg was a kind but stern father. He did not want his family to be noisy or talk loud, especially at the table. In fact, he once said if he had his way, they would put the food on a large lazy susan so that when any of them wanted a second helping, they could simply swing it around and help themselves.

Frank loved the Sangre de Cristo range and knew it footstep by footstep as he had hiked to perhaps all of the lakes on the range many times. He was quite a fisherman. He would take the children who wished to go along with him when he went to the mountains. I remember following him up Rainbow Trail. He was tall and lanky and took enormous steps that got him where he was going in a hurry. We came along trotting and panting for breath but managed to keep up.

A day at the Lake of the Clouds high in the Sangre de Cristos is a memorable experience with its crystal blue sky overhead and slow cumulus clouds drifting lazily to who knows where. Lying on one's back along the lake edge resting after the long hike, soft breezes skipped over our faces. Lucille sitting there, drawing images with a stick in the sand, was tranquil. We would talk of the images of animals or pictures we could see in those fluffy clouds with never a care in the world. It was a time to wonder about life and what was in store for one in that big world beyond the mountains. It was a time of reflection, peace, prayer and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things life had to offer, especially for friends like Lucille and her family.

Coming down the mountain in late afternoon, the children could gather for Sunday night supper and a time to talk fishing, hiking and perhaps nature and the weather.

After the dishes were done, we would all head for Canda's theater where we would watch the movie. My first memory of the movie theater, however, was upstairs above what is now Jenning's Market. Harlan Doyle operated the movie. The film came to Westcliffe via the D&RG railroad from Canon City, I presume. Many times, it would be late, and Harlan would get up on the stage to announce it shouldn't be much longer.

Then when Harry and Grover Falkenberg, uncles of Lucille's, took over the theater, it was held in the hall above what is now Grandma's House at 118 Main. The same picture would be shown on Saturday and Sunday nights. We would pay to go Saturday and get in free to see the same picture again on Sunday.

Later June and Catherine Canda bought the business and constructed the present Canda Theater. One of the thrilling pictures I saw there was "Gone With the Wind". I cried in the sad parts and rejoiced in the happy times. To this day I think of Scarlett's saying, "I'll cry tomorrow." That, to me, is a good philosophy because today something must be done about a situation, and one does not take time to cry about it.

Then there were the dances in Canda Hall. They would be held about once a month, and all of the young people seem-

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ed to dearly love to dance. Our parents would be sitting along the sidelines with other adults, watching us dance the Charleston or swing to the big band sound or waltz to "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" or perhaps, "Memories," and occasionally they would get up and dance, too.

School was serious business to us then. There were 12 in our graduating class and most of us went on to college. Those were depression days. Work was scarce, almost nonexistent for a high school graduate. College offered us a path into the world of work, and we took advantage of it.

Our teachers were special people, too. Charles Richmond in the junior high grades and Rose Koogle, Frances Kettle, Thel Blackburn and others in high school. Classes were small with much individual attention.

Lu returned to school to finish her high school education her senior year, and we went to Western State College the fall following graduation.

Her father drove his grocery truck to Gunnison with several of us in the back end, including Joe Falkenberg, Bill Falkenberg, Lu and I, all of us going there to enroll. It seemed as if we were traveling to the ends of the earth. Even after we reached Parlin, the road was long into Gunnison. We arrived late in the evening. Each of us had a job for our room and board. I went to the home of a Professor Whitman to help his wife in her home. It was a strange experience getting up that first morning not knowing anyone. Getting adjusted to college life after attending a small high school was also a challenge, but we made it.

Lu decided to return home to Westcliffe the second semester. I continued on at Western State.

We both belonged to the same church so that our ideologies were the same, and we both were in our church choir at Westcliffe.

One summer, to earn a little extra money, we picked peas in the valley, and we took jobs waiting tables in local restaurants during the summers.

We both met fellows from out-of-town whom we eventually married. The four of us were friends for all of these many years. Charles died in 1978, leaving Lucille alone; however, she had six devoted children to comfort her in her widowhood and adjusted to his death better than anyone thought she could. Lu and Charles were very close. They found happiness in their home with their children and with each other. It was a sad and lonely time when we buried Charles.

After her father died, but her mother was still living, the family that had grown in leaps and bounds after they married, planned a reunion at the Silver Park Lodge in the Wet Mountains. Over 100 of Frank and Anne's relatives were in attendance.

Their lifestyle gave me the desire to have a large family, and Milton and I did with our seven children, one of whom is buried in the Victor Cemetery.

Now I feel such a loss with Lu gone. She was very much a part of my life, and her memory will live on. Her home at 302 South Second will always remind us of the fun times we have had there as we talked about our children, our grandchildren and shared our experiences with each other.

Her father and mother are gone now, and she is the first of her immediate family, however, her cousin, Marie Squire, died unexpectedly only a few months previous. We buried Lu in Ula cemetery beside Charles at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo range whose changing moods she knew so well as she viewed them daily from her kitchen window.

Good friends are forever - in life and in death. ***End***

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

1 November 1982

From:
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To:
The Editor
Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes
Westcliffe, Colorado

Dear Father Jones,

Permit me to comment on two of the statements Father Richard Stephan Connelly made in June 1982's issue of S.D.C.N. (page 13). He contends that:

1. The Novus Ordo (New Mass) is valid but illicit [that is, unlawful (P.F.M.)]

2. Any Mass offered by the Pope is a valid Mass.

The Mass that the Pope offers is the Novus Ordo, the very Mass Fr. Connelly admits is illicit. The question then is: Can a man who offers an illicit Mass be the Pope? I think not.

Father Connelly's assertions sound strange for another reason. The Catholic objection to the New Mass is not merely on grounds of invalidity but also because this Mass is inherently objectionable. Yet Father Connelly stressed only validity, omitting all reference to offensiveness, sinfulness or sacrilege.

As its name implies, the New Mass is new and it makes no claim to being the immemorial Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrifice of Calvary offered on the altar in an unbloody manner in reparation for sin and for other intentions. The prayers of the immemorial Mass constantly bring to mind the Sacrifice of the Cross. The New Mass, on the contrary, while retaining the name, "Mass", drops virtually every reference in its "prayers" to the Sacrifice of Calvary; it twists and distorts the old Mass text to convert itself from the Sacrifice at the altar to a meal at a table.

The unbroken tradition, of 19 centuries, of the offering to Almighty God of the unbloody Sacrifice of Calvary in propitiation for sin is thus barefacedly halted. Catholics are forbidden to offer God the pleasing and acceptable Sacrifice. The true worship of God is forbidden, an embargo which, of course, is objectively sinful; that offense is compounded by substituting, as is now done, a man-made meal-ceremony, the Novus Ordo, for the Divine Sacrifice of the Mass.

In the face of the inherent offensiveness of the Novus Ordo, Father Connelly's insistence on its validity is as ludicrous as it is tragic. Suppose, however, that Father Connelly is right about the Novus Ordo being valid; Our Lord would then be physically present on the table of the Novus Ordo; the man-made substitute for the Sacrifice of Calvary would then be proferred as a direct challenge to God Himself; surely it is far better for everyone that the Novus Ordo be invalid.

It is tragic that this man-made New Mass is the Mass of the Pope and the compelling question is: Can a man who offers and encourages an objectively offensive (and probably sacrilegious) Mass be the Pope? Surely not!

Respectfully yours,
Dr. P.F. Mathias
(signed)

WHO WAS THE FIRST "SEDEVACANTIST" BISHOP?

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Archbishop Peter Martin Ngo-dinh-Thuc, or rather Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre?

On February 25, 1982, in his famous public Declaration Msgr. Peter Martin Ngo-dinh-Thuc, the former Archbishop of Hanoi (Vietnam) told the Catholic world that - because of various kinds of heresies in the Church promoted from the top - he regarded the chair of St. Peter in Rome as empty. ("Judico sedem Ecclesiae Catholicae Romae vacantem esse.")

The opponents of this Declaration call the followers of the same Declaration SEDEVACANTISTS. This phrase comes from two Latin words "sede vacante", which in translation mean: "The chair (of St. Peter) is empty".

Because of this Declaration, Archbishop Martin Thuc and his followers had to suffer a concerted hysterical denunciation, and were branded as "schismatics" and "excommunicated" - by some who think they belong to the traditionalist camp.

Thinking Catholics, however, who go into deeper consideration of this matter, will discover that the Declaration did not come suddenly, out of nothing. The groundwork, the documentation and justification of the Declaration had been gradually built up, through the years of awakening, by another bishop of the Church: Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. The only difference is that Abp. Lefebvre implicitly proposed a truth which Abp. Martin Thuc, then explicitly proclaimed. We can say that Abp. Lefebvre has built up the first two propositions of a syllogism (major and minor premises), and left the job of drawing the logical conclusion to any man of sound mind.

The groundwork, i.e. the documentation for the Declaration had been made by Abp. Lefebvre while he was fighting the post-conciliar abuses. In his several speeches he often condemned the modernist destroyers of the Church, in whose ranks he included Paul VI and John Paul II, too.

Let us reiterate some public utterances of the Archbishop which show (at least in 1976) his conviction regarding the illegality of the two conciliar popes named above. Let us repeat these and similar quotations untill all tradition-minded Catholics - and especially the forgetful fans of Abp. Lefebvre - know them by heart.

Here is the major premise proposed by Abp. Lefebvre: A POPE WHO DOES NOT CONVEY TRADITION TO THE FAITHFUL "IS NO LONGER THE SUCCESSOR OF SAINT PETER." (Apologia for Marcel Lefebvre, by Michael Davies, pg. 286.) "Heresy, schism, ipso facto excommunication, invalidity of his election are all causes from which it may sometimes result that a pope has never been or IS NO LONGER POPE." (Emphasis added. - statement given to La Figaro on Aug. 2, 1976.)

Let us see now the minor premise. NEITHER PAUL VI, NOR JOHN PAUL II HAVE BEEN CONVEYING TRADITIONAL DOCTRINE TO THE FAITHFUL.

To substantiate this minor premise, let us listen again to the arguments supplied by Abp. Lefebvre. Paul VI has "caused more damage to the Church than the French Revolution." (Declaration on The New Mass and Pope, November, 1979.) "The Liberalism of Paul VI...is thus sufficient to explain the disasters of his pontificate." (Ibidem) "Pope Pius IX, in particular, spoke often of the Liberal Catholic, whom he considered as destroyer of the Church." (Ibidem)

In November 1981, in Melbourne (Australia) he said that the introduction of the new Catechism was evidence of a new faith, and would result in the Protestantization of the Catholic people. "Thus, we are obligated to declare that the Vatican is occupied by modernists...." (See The Roman Catholic, March 1982. Pg. 7.) "The modernists, the progressives and the liberals are the Devil's own collaborators..." (Ibidem, pg. 6.) "It is our duty to pray... that the Church be liberated from the false shepherds and mercenaries who occupy it." (Ibidem, pg. 1.)
"This Conciliar Church is a schismatic Church, because it breaks with the Catholic Church... It has its new dogmas, its new priesthood... This Conciliar Church is, therefore, not Catholic." (Ibidem, pg. 15.)

One could continue with quotations, like these, throughout long pages; but these suffice to prove the validity of the minor premise stated above.

I hope that all those people who wish to follow Abp. Lefebvre, would not forget any of these statements, and thus follow that Archbishop who made these statements. As a matter of fact, there are several utterances from the same Archbishop (especially after his meeting with JP2 in 1978) which are incompatible with the above ones. Contradictions coming from the same person, but from a different mind.

In view of these contradictions, all the followers of Abp. Lefebvre should decide which Archbishop they wish to follow: The one who in 1976 won the hearts of millions of traditionalists, or the one who has confused many of these good people with contradictory utterances. I, for one, still

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follow Abp. Lefebvre of 1976, even if he does not follow himself, at present.

At that time he raised his voice in the defense of the true Faith, and therefore, was instrumental in supplying the documentation for the minor premise which says: NEITHER PAUL VI, NOR JOHN PAUL II HAVE BEEN CONVEYING TRADITIONAL DOCTRINE TO THE FAITHFUL.

From these two propositions logically comes the conclusion: JOHN PAUL II IS NO LONGER POPE (if he ever was).

If this act of declaration can be labelled as a crime, worthy of condemnation, - then, the preparation, the groundwork which preceded and logically led to the declaration, are equally to be condemned. The peculiar thing is that Abp. Lefebvre, who was instrumental in the preparation, has not been condemned along with Abp. Martin Thuc. But if the first is found not only innocent in this affair, but also highly praised by traditionalists, - so it should be with the second who explicitly declared the logical conclusion that Abp. Lefebvre implicitly proclaimed in his preparatory works.

If, at present, Abp. Lefebvre renounces the title "SEDEVACANTIST", it does not alter the fact that he was a "SEDEVACANTIST" long before Abp. Martin Thuc made his Declaration about the "empty chair" in February 1982.

A short addition: History will decide who was right: the "sedevacantists" or their opponents. Meanwhile let us respect each other's honest conviction, and keep working for the restoration of Sacred Tradition in the Church.

End

THE WAY TO GOD

If my days were untroubled and my heart always light, would I seek that fair land where there is no night? . . . If I never grew weary with the weight of my load, would I search for God's Peace at the end of the road? . . . If I never knew sickness and never felt pain, would I search for a hand to help and sustain?

If I walked not with sorrow and lived without loss, would my soul seek sweet solace at the foot of the cross? . . . If all I desired was mine day by day, would I kneel before God and earnestly pray? . . . If God sent no "Winter" to freeze me with fear, would I yearn for the warmth of "Spring" every year?

I ask myself this and the answer is plain; if my life were all pleasure and I never knew pain . . . I'd seek God less often and need Him much less, for God's sought more often in times of distress . . . And no one knows God or sees Him as plain as those who have met Him on the "Pathway of Pain."

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new candidates the recognition of H.E. Abp. Thuc as provisional superior).

But there is still another problem to be considered, which is still not solved and had to be left unsolved, in spite of all that has been achieved so far, and which has possibly kept many faithful justly in a kind of reserve: which position and what rights have now Abp. Thuc and the new consecrated bishops in the Church? This very important and serious question will be treated shortly by the former professor of theology at the Lateran-University, H.E. Bp. Guerard des Lauriers, who has worked in a highly meritorious way for the resistance. We shall then publicize his contribution. - In case Bishop Lauriers should be prevented for some reason from working out this contribution, we ourselves shall in any case take up this problem.

End

Winter fun near McKenzie Corner east of Westcliffe: tubing and sledding. My secretary, Diane Hunt, won't soon forget a fun 3-family outing here just after Christmas. It was fun at the time-but Boy! did she feel it later.

Sometimes we bring a big box of wood and have a fire. I think those continually walking up and sliding down the slope stay warmer.

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Dear Father Jones:

I am Jim Taylor's press representative. He has just returned here from covering the Iraq-Iran war, where he was slightly injured during an attack by a piece of flying rock, and he asked me to tell you how very much he appreciated your most kind words about his column of Nov. 22. He suggests that you may find the columns he wrote from Baghdad, now appearing in the International Sunbeam, of some interest.

You might also like to know that Mr. Taylor has now fully recovered from the attempt upon his life last year by Israeli agents. Our thanks go to all who prayed for his recovery.

He asked me to tell you that it is letters like yours which make it all worthwhile. Mr. Taylor is a Catholic, as I am, but neither of us approves of what the Church has done in recent years such as having hippies and nuns dancing around the altar breaking balloons, which happened right here in Kansas City. And you should read some of the un-American writings in the textbooks used in Catholic schools.

Again, let me say that your letter was very much appreciated.

With best wishes,

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Editor'a note:
THE AMERICAN SUNBEAM is a quite informative weekly newspaper published by some courageous folks in Arkansas. I think it is worth subscribing to just to read Jim Taylor's fascinating articles and sobering reports.

From the Arab News. This article was sent to us by one of our members. We do not have the date of publication, but it was some time in May or June of this year.

The Arab News(English language newspaper in Saudi Arabia)

After Israeli facts presented

Americans blacklist American editor

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — Speaking out publicly and writing about Israeli terrorism, labor camps and his opinion about the Middle East crisis almost cost editor and author James Taylor his life on Feb. 28, 1981. On April 17, 1981 it cost him a job he had held for more than 24 years with ***TV Guide Magazine.***

Taylor claims his life was threatened several times, even before his latest book, ***Pearl Harbor II*** was published.

After Taylor's book was published, in November, 1980, several U.S. Senators, including Sen. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, was prompted by ***Pearl Harbor II*** and James Ennis's ***Attack on the Liberty*** to put pressure on Israel to pay for the American ship it destroyed in 1967. Under protest, and after threats that drastic reductions in America's longstanding aid to Israel could result, it was agreed that $6 million would be paid for the $25 million ship.

Taylor, who is a native-born, American citizen, whose ancestors lived in the United States for more than 300 years, immediately began to be harassed by threatening messages from the Jewish Defense League and other radical Zionist organizations.

"The harassment directed at me is due to my commentary about the ***USS Liberty*** due to my exposure of Israeli slave-labor camps in the northwestern Sinai and my writings about the giant Israeli concentration camp at Abu Zuneima, where families of suspected but unapprehended Palestinian guerrillas are sent to be held as hostages until the suspects are caught, tortured or killed," Taylor explained. "I believe that Israeli aggression and what has been done to the Arab population in the Middle East since 1948 is one of the greatest injustices in the history of mankind."

JIM TAYLOR : After spending more than two decades with *TV Guide* in Kansas City he now finds himself in dire need because he told the truth about Israeli aggressive acts.

When Taylor was fired from the ***TV Guide Magazine*** in Kansas City he was told he was "incompetent." He questions how he could have been incompetent for 24 years and fired only after controversy resulted from his books. He displays numerous letters of commendation for doing an excellent job as proof that his "incompetence" was not the real reason for his dismissal.

As if all of the above events were not enough, when Taylor attempted to find a new job he found he had been blacklisted by Zionists who, he says, "control the policies of the U.S. government and all types of businesses.

" I have been unable to find any U.S. newspaper, magazine or publishing company which is willing to hire me," Taylor explains. "Not only am I unable to work in the United States, no newspaper there will mention my name or the name of my new book.

"When every newspaper in the U.S., without one single exception, agrees never to mention an author or his book, you do not have any freedom of the press, as is supposed to be guaranteed by the U.S. constitution." Taylor says. "Americans like to condemn the Soviet Union for the lack of freedom for its people, harassment of individuals, various thought control programs and suppression of the news. How is what has been done to me any different?" Due to the fact that no one will hire him, Taylor is in dire financial straits and has been threatened with the loss of his home.

"The reason for all this is because I had the courage to break the U.S. conspiracy of silence about Israeli terrorism and the destruction of the ***USS Liberty,***" he says. "If radicals succeed in taking my life, I want the world to know that it was for a good cause and that I still believe that what has been done to the Arab population in the Middle East since 1948 is one of the greatest injustices in the history of mankind.

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The Truth is Not Pleasant to Read

by Jim Taylor
(Foreign Correspondent)

I realize that for reasons of their own, the State Department and other officials constantly harp on the theory about the Russians doing something against Israel. The rest of the world jokes about this fetish of the United States for protecting "poor little Israel". It also makes Reagan and the U.S. appear ridiculous. Nevertheless, this type of propaganda barrage never ends. You will continue to hear it. And the reason for it, of course, is simply to justify taking so much of your tax money and giving it to Israel. Washington knows full well that if the American taxpayers ever wake up to the fact that no Soviet threat to Israel exists, then they might question the huge sums each year for "the defense of Israel".

The U.S. puts vague and unfounded rumors about the Soviets helping Syria and that Russians might even send troops to save Syria or Lebanon from the warlike Israelis. Such will not happen. If Israel suddenly took all of Lebanon and Syria, the Soviets would do nothing more than mouth off a bit at the United Nations. The weapons which Russia sells to Syria are the same type they used to send to Egypt — second rate, outmoded and at least 20 years behind what the Americans give Israel. Did you ever stop to think why this is true? Doesn't it tell you that Russia is not serious about stopping Israeli aggression? Unlike Israel, which is assured of the very latest U.S. weapons even before the American Army gets them; none of the Soviet Union's recently improved arms are ever sent to any Arab nation. This is why Israel always maintains such a vast military superiority over the Arabs and could easily defeat the combined Arab forces in just one day's time. And this is certainly not by chance. It is not a coincidence. The Soviets planned it this way. Israel, the U.S. and the Soviet Union are all working toward the same goal — making the Zionists invincible in the Mideast.

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VICTOR SISTOK of Kalispell, Montana, sent me these photos of FATHER JOSEPH MARIA and the recently constructed Immaculate Conception Chapel which is nestled in the foolhills south of Kalispell. A newspaper article, sent to me by Mrs. Aurelia "Grandma" Dalimata, states that the chapel was designed by Mr. Sistok and was built on land donated by him and his wife, Doris. Father Joseph Maria has been offering the traditional Latin Mass and faithfully serving the growing traditional Catholic community in northwestern Montana for years. Father is currently recovering from serious open heart surgery which he underwent early in December. May God bless and watch over you and your flock, Father!

Beautiful view from atop of Music Pass 25 miles south of Westcliffe.

Jones Family cabin with Spring Mountain in the back. About 7 miles southwest of Westcliffe.

Yours truly and my parents, Vivian and Eddie, in my back yard this past summer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

December 23, 1982

Father Daniel Jones
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Dear Father Dan:

This letter conveys my wishes that you and your family have a merry Christmas. This past year, the Catholic Church in the USA is firmly established; Archbishop Thuc must now be in the USA also, and as Bishop Musey told me over the phone, he might stay there.

The reports you received from the JBS are true regarding Mexico. This new Govt. has not amended the previous one's policy. They have confiscated all Mexican private banks with the stocks of companies which bans had, hotels, industries, stores. They have sent to Congress a tax law where the Govt. will take 75 percent of profit from enterprises, this leaving to private firms the risk to manage, but taking most of the profits, which is a confiscation de facto. Sales tax went up to 15 and 20 percent. Individual taxes jumped up to 65 percent of their total. Rockefeller and Kissinger were here to see our new President. Neither Rockefeller or Kissinger have any official title, but we assume they came here to persuade our President to accept the FMI program, which means to starve Mexicans to pay debts. Our Govt's budget is the highest in history. One third goes to the international bankers. Of course, communists wanted Mexico to declare itself unable to pay, like Castro did to European banks. This would have made many US banks go broke, which is what the Soviet Union wanted. Our Govt. chose the FMI program, which will cause hunger next year, social conflicts, (which can be used only by the reds, who are the only ones that will offer the masses the wealth of politicians and rich Mexicans). Mexico will be under the punishment of God, for their sins, the acceptance of our revolutionary laws by most of our Bishops in 1929, the Godless education, and Marxism in normal schools where our public teachers are trained. (During the time of Pius XII, the Archbishop of Mexico, Luis Maria Martinez, invited as Godmother to the Crowning of Holy Mother of Guadalupe, the wife of President Ruiz Cortinez, a divorced woman of scandalous life. The same Bishop accepted the Godless education in schools as good. These schools bred the corrupt Mexicans that have sent to Switzerland and the USA millions of dollars from petroleum, and bought about 20,000 million dollars of real estate in the USA.) These are the details of the Mexican disaster.

Please accept my gratitude and best wishes.
Anacleto